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Under the Moons of Mars

A Wonder Romance by the Creator of "TARZAN"

By Edgar Rice Burroughs

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER XVI.

The Princess Again.

brief dream of happiness scruting."

They left the hall, and as dark-dashed, broken, to the ground of reality. The lightly from my biding-place and hastened to the balcony.

Ife, and from whose lips I had so moment when none seemed near, I recently heard a declaration of love sprang quickly to the top of the glass for me, had lightly forgotten my very wall, and from there to the avenue existence and smilingly given herself beyond the palace grounds. to the son of her people's most hated enemy.

Though I had beard it with my own ears, I could not believe it. I must search out her apartments and force her to repeat the cruel truth to me alone before I would be convinced, and so I deserted my post and hastened through the passage behind discovered a maze of winding cor-idors, branching and turning in every in the room before him.

panting against a side wall when I

Apparently they were coming from time since. Apparently they were coming from the expensive side of the partition against which I leaned, and presently events of the day at the palace, and I made out the tones of Dejah Thoris.

I could not hear the words, but I knew that I could not be mistaken in the voice.

I saw that he knew nothing of the events of the day at the palace, and when I had enlightened him he was all excitement. The news that Dejah Thoris had promised her hand to Sab Thoris had promised her hand to Sab

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Moving on a few steps I discovered another passageway at the end of which lay a door. Walking boldly to find myself in a small antechamber, in which were the four guards who had accompanied her. One of them instantly rose and accosted measurement in the instantly desired in the instantly rose and accosted measurement in the instantly desired in the instantly rose and accosted measurement in the instantly desired in the instantly rose and accosted measurement in the instantly desired in the instantly desired in the instantly in the instantly desired in the instantly desired in the

Disheartened and dejected, I withdrew from the room; but I was not entirely discouraged, nor would I admit that Dejah Thoris was lost to me until the ceremony had actually been with the ceremony had actually be

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Accordingly, I searched for a hiding place, and finally found one by accinot dare to enter the building, filled

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Word was soon brought that I was newhere to be found, either in the palace or at my former quarters in the barracks of the air-scout squadron. Kantos Kan they had found and questioned, but he knew nothing of my whereabouts, and as to my past, he had told them he knew as little, since he had but recently met me during our captivity among the War

hoons.

"Heep your eyes on this one," commanded Than Kosis. "He also is a stranger, and likely as not they both buil from Helium, and where one is we shall sconer or later find the other. e Princess Again. Quadruple the air-patrol, and let every man who leaves the city by air US was the edifice of my or ground be subjected to the closest

CHAPTER XVII. Brave Hearts.

THOUT effort at concealment, I hastened to the vicinity of our quarters. where I felt sure I should and Kantos Kan.

Leaping from roof to roof, I soon the tapestries toward the door by which she had left the chamber, reached an open window in the build-Slipping quietly through this opening ing where I hoped to find the Heliumite, and in another moment I stood

Running rapidly down first one and He was alone and showed no surthen another of them, I soon became prise at my coming, saying he had hopelessly lost and was standing expected me much earlier, as my penting against a side wall when I tour of duty must have ended some

performed.

Af I wandered along the corridors, I was as absolutely lost in the mazes of the winding passageways as I had been before I discovered Dejah Thoris's apartments.

The ground was about thirty feet below; and at a like distance from the building was a wall fully twenty feet high, constructed of polished glass about a foot in thickness. To a red Martian escape by this path would have appeared impossible, but to me, with my earthly strength and agility, it seemed already accomplished.

The ground was in being detected before darkness fell; for I could not make the leap in broad daylight while while make the leap in broad daylight while make the possessor of the possessor of the case make the possessor of the possessor of the possessor of the all the possessor of the case make the possessor of the case and drew mystelf to this and commanded me to a leap the was slightly put out at the passage from the tower led directly to his apartments and was led to make the passage from the tower led directly to

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the afre-pa bers: But how a tort of six of the special fighting men could have done so unsubserved, is beyond me. We shall soon know, however, for here comes the royal psychologist."

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Why Not?

"Lock you here, sentry, and you shall see how I came and how close a shave I had to not coming at all." I answered, turning toward the edge of the roof, where, twenty feet below, at the end of my strap, hung all my

brough them, plunged into a discussion of our plans. The top floor was alight, and filled for the immediate future. It was decided that I was to try to

Mantoline.

Kantos Kan had shown me a trick of gearing, which is known only to fige graing, which is known only to the grained to grained the speed of our machines, and as I on return to the city after the plain beyond I came full upon several thousand are marriers convinced me that only by a miracle oconvinced me that only by a miracle convinced me that only by a miracle and further behind, and I was just and further behind, and I was just congratulating myself on my little craft.

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th the Hordes Again.

BOUT noon I passed low over a great dead city of ancient Mars, and as I skimmed out across the plain beyond I came full alone while the chieftain attended the content of the city after the battle we had gone directly to Tars Tarkas's quarters, where I was left alone while the chieftain attended the

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of a woman named Gozava. I have just discovered that the warrior who loved that woman has learned of your part in the transaction.

The may not kill you, Surkoja, it is not our custom, but there is nothing to prevent him tying one end of a strap about your neck and the other end to a wild thoat, merely to test your fitness to survive and help perpetuate our race. Having heard that he would do this on the morrow, I thought it only right to warn you, for I am a just man. The River I is is but a short pilgrimage, Sarkoja. The next morning Sakoja was gone, nor was she ever seen after.

In silence we hastened to the jeddak's palace, where we were immediately admitted to his presence; in fact he could scarcely wait to see me, and was standing erect upon his platform glowering at the entrance as I but as we neared Zodance, their

lorquas Ptomei. Who are you to see a doren the Tharks?"

"Yes, justice!" echoed a dozen twoices; and so, while Tai Hajus fumed and frothed, I commued:

"You are a brave people and you love bravery, but where was your mighty jeddak during the fighting to-day? I did not see him in the thick of battle; he was not there. He rends defenceless women and little children in his lair, but how recently has one of you seen him fight with men?

"Why, even I, a midget beside him, filled him, with a struck him of my large him metropolitan police patrol their metropolitan police patrol their see as the least.

The walls of Zodanga are seventy-five feet in height and fifty feet in height and fifty

them, and I will accompany you to the nearest waterway that leads to Helium. Tars Tarkas may be a cruel, green portunity to enlist them in my cause warrior, but he can be a friend, as well. It is best that we start at once. Come."

"And when you return, Tars Tar-thought I had in mind."

"John Carter has made a proposal."

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How far I fell before I regained control of the machine I do not know, but I must have been very close to the ground before I started to rise again, as I plainly heard the squealing of animals below me. Rising of the conflict would bring down a gain, I scanned the heavens for my assured to make the conflict would bring down a grain. I scanned the heavens for my assured to me warrior who might for an instant purcuers, and finally made out their lights far behind me, and I saw mass.

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"Strap him to that pillar," he shrieked. "We shall see who it is dares strike the mighty Tal Hajus, Heat the irons; with my own hands I shall burn the eyes from his head that he may not pollute my person with his vile gaze."

"Chieftains of Thark," I cried, turning to the assembled council and ignoring Tal Hajus, "I have been a chief among you, and to-day I have chief among themselves.

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chief among you, and to-day I have fought for Thark shoulder to shoulder with her greatest warrior. You cwa me, at least, a hearing: I have won that much to-day. You claim to be just people"—
"Silence!" roared Tal Hajus. "Gag the creature and bind him as I command."
"Justice, Tal Hajus!" exclaimed Lorquas Ptomei. "Who are you to set aside the customs of ages among the Tharks?"

"Yes, justice!" echoed a dozen five feet in height and fifty feet.

CHAPTER XIX. Loot.

S the great gate where I stood swung open my fifty Tharks, headed by Tary Tarkas himself, rode in upon their mighty thoats. led them to the palace walls, which I negotiated easily without assistance.